

NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

Sixty-Eighth Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of New-York.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, Sept. 25, 1851.

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While the Tellers were out, the Church of St. John, Williamsburgh, was admitted to the Union with the Convention, and its Delegates took their seats.

The Tellers reported that Christ Church, Brooklyn, claimed two votes, on the ground of having a chapel at Bushwick. The Tellers had received but one. Referred to the proper Committee to report forthwith.

MISSIONARY REPORT.—While the Tellers were out, the Committee on Missionaries reported 31 missionaries, 10 new stations, 45 stations in all. A surplus \$3,000 from Trinity Church, at the "Jubilee" offering, on the 16th June.

The Committee submit a list of the Missionary stations now upon the book of the Treasurer, together with the names of the missionaries who have been appointed to stations. They also annex the names of churches, societies and individuals, contributing to the funds, and the several amounts so contributed.

Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.—The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New-York, report to the Convention, that

The amount of the disposable fund is the same as their last report, viz., \$7,500 00

All invested on bond and mortgage, as follows:

At 7 per cent. per annum.....\$10,000 00

At 6 per cent. per annum.....48,500 00

Total.....\$7,500 00

Income—Balance on hand as last year,

with interest.....\$4,396 23

Payments—Total payments.....3,493 12

Balance on hand.....\$991 11

Due to Bishop Delaney.....\$360 00

Accumulating Fund—Various sources—\$1,622 37

Loaned.....\$99 00

Total.....\$472 37

Total amount of accumulating fund.....\$8,665 87

Report of Trustees of Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.—The Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen respectively report.

That since the Report of the Treasurer to the last Convention, he has received from 100 congregations in the Diocese, and from donations, the aggregate sum of.....\$1,591 00

Interest on funds invested.....525 00

Balance on hand.....\$2,075 00

The investments heretofore reported remain unchanged, and together with the bond and mortgage of \$1,400, above referred to, now amount to \$3,000.

The number of clergymen who at present receive and live on the Fund is eight, to whom have been appropriated the sum of \$1,250.

Report of the Committee on the General Theological Seminary.—The Committee on the General Theological Seminary respectively report, that there is no change in the position of the Seminary since last year, and no necessity for a report.

THE FIRST BALLOT FOR PROVISIONAL BISHOP.

The Clerical vote was as follows.....187

Necessary to a choice.....94

Rev. Dr. Vinton.....70 Rev. Dr. A. Potter.....1

Rev. Dr. Taylor.....29 Rev. Dr. C. Johnson.....1

Rev. Dr. Wainwright.....10 Rev. Dr. Johnson.....1

Rev. Dr. Brown.....12 Rev. Dr. Haight.....1

Rev. Dr. Atkinson.....11 Rev. Dr. Price.....1

Rev. Dr. Cropton.....7 Rev. Dr. Sherwood.....1

Rev. Dr. Bertram.....2 Rev. Dr. Brown.....1

Rev. Dr. Kapp.....2 Rev. Blanks.....3

LAW VOTE.....183

The Chair announced that there was no choice. A fourth ballot was had after an ineffectual motion to adjourn, it being 10 o'clock.

During the absence of the tellers, the canon was taken up and passed as reported by the Committee, with a slight alteration.

The following was announced as the result of the fourth ballot—Clergy, Laymen—Clergy, Laymen—Dr. Vinton.....65 Mr. Dr. Potter.....1

Mr. Taylor.....6 Mr. C. Johnson.....1

Mr. Wainwright.....10 Mr. Johnson.....1

Mr. Brown.....12 Mr. Haight.....1

Mr. Atkinson.....11 Mr. Price.....1

Mr. Cropton.....7 Mr. Sherwood.....1

Mr. Bertram.....2 Mr. Brown.....1

Mr. Kapp.....2 Mr. Blanks.....3

Mr. Gregory.....2 Mr. Bertram.....1

There was no choice.

After some conversation on the situation of the question affecting the right of the Church to elect to two votes, the House took a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

The members of the Convention generally speak very low and indistinctly, so that but few of the audience can hear. This partly occasions a crowding of the aisles, and standing up all over the house, which interferes greatly with the decorum and propriety of the proceedings. We would suggest that the whole scope of the exercise of the rights of the apostolic injunction, "Let every thing be done decently and in order." We should presume that any of the delegates were enough accustomed to public speaking to make themselves easily heard in any part of the church.)

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 5 o'clock, yesterday evening, pursuant to adjournment. The President stated, after calling the Convention to order, that the question first before the consideration of the House was the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches, in relation to giving a vote to the Chapel of Christ Church, Brooklyn, situated at Bushwick.

A motion was made by Rev. Mr. Eisenhardt, that the Chapel be refused a vote, on the ground that if two votes were allowed in this case, to one church having a chapel, there might be no limit put to such cases in future.

Mr. Floyd Smith expressed himself in favor of the motion, and spoke strongly against the claim to two votes made by Christ Church, on the ground that the application of St. George's Church for two votes, which was made in 1848, was refused.

Rev. Mr. Eisenhardt said that the application of St. George's Church was before the Convention for a year, and that it had finally been refused. During the last seventy years no application of this kind was granted by the Convention. The Rev. gentleman said it would be unconstitutional, and even present a dangerous precedent. He then moved and carried a motion to refer the application to St. George's Church, wherein it was resolved that no church shall have an additional number of votes for delegates connected with them.

Mr. May made a motion to lay the question on the table, which was adopted, as was also a motion disposing of Trinity Church, Windham, which also applied for two votes on the ground that there was a Chapel attached to it.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot the second time for the election of a Provisional Bishop.

While the tellers were engaged in counting the votes, a suggestion was made by Rev. Mr. Lounsbury that the election of the Standing Committee for the current year be made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow (this morning).

Rev. John C. Spencer approved of this suggestion, and hoped it would be received with favor by the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Soule said that he had feared this morning that the action taken by the Convention would not result in anything decisive toward the election of a Bishop. He thought the Convention should first make a provision for the Bishop before the election took place and moved that an appropriation of \$2,000 should be made annually for Bishop Underdonck.

The Secretary informed the Rev. gentleman that there was an annual appropriation already made for that purpose.

Rev. Mr. Schroeder—If that be so, I have nothing more to say.

Rev. J. C. Spencer desired to know when the Committee on the Episcopal Fund addressed Bishop Underdonck in relation to his salary.

He was informed that the communication was addressed to the Bishop on the 4th of the present month.

A motion was made by Rev. J. C. Spencer, that the Committee be requested to communicate with the Bishop concerning the existing between him and the Episcopal Fund.

Judge Betts gave a brief sketch of the history of the Episcopal Fund, and the manner in which it was invested. Two questions he said, arose from a consideration of this subject: whether the Convention is bound to pay him the interest of \$300,000, which is the amount of the Episcopal Fund, from the time of its suspension, and whether it should be paid to him by the Trustees or the Fund. He believed that it must be paid out of the Fund, and if it should be set aside to pay Bishops who were called in the performance of Episcopal services, they had a perfect right to do so, and Bishop Underdonck could not recover anything from them in law for so doing.

The Secretary read from the journal of 1838 the report of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, which contained an acknowledgment of the obligations of the Convention to the Bishop, and of its failure to fulfill them.

Judge Betts said that from this it was evident that the Convention had been bound to pay him the interest, but did not dare to put such in the position of a man of magnitude, but of small performances. The interest on the Fund, he said, is \$4,230, of which \$2,500 had been appropriated for Bishop Underdonck, leaving only \$1,730 for the Provisional Bishop to be elected.

This would find it impossible to support himself upon unless he had other means of defraying his expenses. He thought that if the Clergymen of the Diocese exerted themselves among their parishioners, the sum might be so increased as to allow of a larger appropriation being made for the support of the Provisional Bishop.

At this stage of the debate the President announced that the tellers were prepared to give the result of the second ballot. The following was then announced as the result—Clergy, Laymen—Clergy, Laymen—Dr. Vinton.....70 Mr. Dr. Potter.....1

Mr. Tasker.....24 Mr. S. R. Johnson.....1

Mr. Seabury.....2 Mr. Gregory.....1

Mr. Cropton.....15 Mr. Pross.....1

Mr. Wainwright.....10 Mr. Atkinson.....2

Mr. Bowman.....9 Mr. Brown.....1

Mr. Haught.....1 Mr. Humphreys.....1

Mr. Kapp.....8 Mr. Read.....1

Bertram.....3 Mr. Blanks.....2

Total.....100 Mr. Blanks.....2

Whole number necessary to a choice.....93

The President declared there was no election, and the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

The subject of the Episcopal Fund was reopened by Mr. Spencer, who moved that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Episcopal Fund, and the state of St. Rev. Dr. H. C. Underdonck, and Committee of 10.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried, and the Chair appointed a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Higbee, Chief Justice Jones, and Judge Betts.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Dr. Hawks.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the existing laws, both canonical and civil, in relation to chapels of ease, in connection with the Convention, the true intent and meaning of which, is to be referred to the sectional Convention.

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